

Remarks

Claims 1, 6 and 9 have been amended, and claim 8 canceled. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-17, 19 and 20 remain pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, in view of the discussion below, are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 8, 9 and 13 were objected to but would be allowable if the base claim was amended to include the limitations of the dependent claim. Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 8, and therefore claim 6 should now be allowable. Consequently, dependent claims 7 and 9-15 should also be allowable.

Applicants have also amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 8. Claim 8 was not dependent on claim 1, but it is submitted that claim 1, as amended, should be allowable on the same basis as amended claim 6. Consequently, dependent claims 2-4 should also be allowable.

Finally, in the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 16, 17, 19 and 20 were allowed.

In view of the present amendments to the claims and the remarks herein, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9-17, 19 and 20 are allowable, and Applicants request that the Examiner enter the present claim amendments and pass these claims to issuance at an early date.

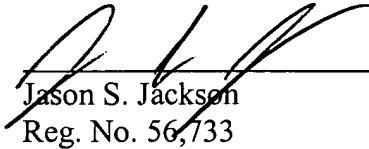
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Respectfully submitted,


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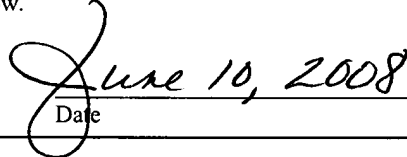

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